

STATE OF ALABAMA BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

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APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION - PT OR PTA

(Applicant must be a graduate of an APTA accredited physical therapy educational program, approved by the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy.)

According to AL Law, “no person shall practice nor hold himself out to be able to practice physical therapy or act as a physical therapist assistant in this state unless he is licensed in accordance with Section 34-24-210.”

A completed **application, application fee, character references**, and a completed **Certification of Physical Therapy Education (CPTE)** form must be on file in the board’s office before an applicant will be approved to sit for the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete the **application form**, sign in the specified place and have your signature notarized. Attach required photo in space provided on the application form. A photo ID, such as a driver’s license, will be required at the examination site.

Complete the **Citizenship Verification form**, sign in the specified place, and attach the required documentation.

Request your school send a **Certification of Physical Therapy Education (CPTE)** to the board’s office.

Send one cashier’s check, money order or company check to the board for \$110.00 **application fee** made payable to the Alabama Board of Physical Therapy. **NO PERSONAL CHECKS, CREDIT CARDS OR CASH will be accepted.**

FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

Have your College/University send an **official transcript, identifying graduation**, directly to the board. (The “Certification of Physical Therapy Education” form will suffice until your transcript is available identifying the degree you earned.) This form suffices only until an adequate transcript is available. No permanent license is granted without a transcript identifying graduation.

Applicant must have 2 **Character Reference** forms completed by professional colleagues and sent directly to the Board by the person providing the character reference.

See Instructions for Registering Online for National Physical Therapy Examinations.

Permanent Licenses will not be issued without a completed Citizenship Verification Form and an Official Transcript on file in the Board's Office

We ask that you not call the board's office regarding the status of your application unless you feel there is a problem, you need to supply information or you have question(s) pertinent to your application.

NOTE: Applicants practicing with temporary licensure: "Physical therapists practicing under a temporary license **must** be under the direct, on-site supervision of a licensed physical therapist. Physical therapist assistants practicing under a temporary license may be under the direct, on-site supervision of a licensed physical therapist assistant, with the approval of the supervising physical therapist." Administrative Code, Rule 700-X-2-.08 (1)

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All temporary licenses are immediately voided if the applicant fails the NPTE examination.